

REMARKS

Independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended so as to include the separation of a dispersion including solids. Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to include the feature that the

“coalescing media separating the partially coalesced emulsion from the aqueous phase by retaining said solids and said non-aqueous liquid, the emulsion having a droplet diameter of 0.5 µm or more and wherein said solids and said non-aqueous liquids are washed out of the coalescing media when the direction of feeding is changed in step d)”.

Support for this amendment is found throughout the application and particularly in former claim 4 (now cancelled), and at page 15, lines 2 and 3 with regard to the washing out of the oil and solid particles. The retention of emulsion droplets of diameter of 0.5 µm or more is found on page 11, lines 4 and 5.

Independent claim 21 has also been amended to include the similar features where the coalescing media “readily releasing said solids and said non-aqueous liquid when the flow direction is changed”. Support for this amendment is found throughout the application and particularly in former claim 12 (now cancelled).

The Applicant has also cancelled former claims 47 to 58.

Two references previously applied were once again applied in the Office Action of June 9, 2009. Particularly, GB 2,083,370 and WO 02/20115.

The Applicant submits that neither of these references teaches or suggests the separation of a dispersion that includes both immiscible liquids and solids where with a change in direction of the input of the dispersion through the apparatus, both solids and immiscible liquids are released from the coalescing media.

The Applicant has voluntarily amended various clarity issues in the claims, particularly in step d) of claim 1 the word “emulsion” has been amended to “dispersion”. Furthermore, the term “non-aqueous emulsions” has been amended to “partially coalesced emulsion” for greater clarity. The Applicant submits that was the correction of an obvious clerical error.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition of allowance and early and favourable action is requested.

Favourable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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